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FIGHT IS ON.

Struggle Over Big Sandy Appropriations.

Congressmen Having a Battle to Get a Decent Allowance for our River.

The Courier-Journal's Washington correspondent sends the following information about the situation in the fight being made by our Congressmen for a Big Sandy river appropriation:

"Speaker Cannon had been called in to settle the Levisa and Tug forks appropriations in the rivers and harbors bill. The Speaker confesses himself at a loss to know what he shall do.

Representative Langley, of Kentucky, and Representative Hughes, of West Virginia, entered into an agreement that they would stand or fall together on the appropriation for the Big Sandy river.

The Levisa fork penetrates Kentucky and the Tug West Virginia. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is wanted for each. Chairman Alexander says he can't give it. He adds that he will allow an appropriation for the Levisa or the Tug, not both, preferably the former. Mr. Hughes consented and informed the chairman that Senator Elkins would take care of the Tug in the Senate. Chairman Alexander says he won't agree to any such arrangement as that of the two mountain district Representatives, and that both forks will remain creeks instead of becoming navigable rivers."

This shows what the Congressmen have to overcome. If they win out over this opposition it will be a great victory. Senators Elkins and Scott have always been loyal to Big Sandy and they will have something to say, we hope, that will outweigh the opposition. Big Sandy people should send expressions of appreciation to all the gentlemen mentioned herein. It will encourage them.

Lent and Easter.

The forty day period of fasting, commemorative of the fast of our Savior, begins on next Wednesday, Feb. 9th. By very many this fast is rigidly observed, not only in abstaining from food at certain times but by refraining from certain amusements. The period ends on the last day of Lent, the following day being Easter, the day fixed by the Christian world to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year the festival occurs on the 27th of March, the time being fixed by the date of the full moon after the vernal equinox. Being thus governed Easter is a movable feast or festival, unlike in this regard Christmas and many other feasts of the church.

About the Peach Crop.

An exchange says: Fruit growers report that while many peach buds have been injured there are so far fine prospects for a good crop. The early cold spell held the peach buds back so much that the recent cold spell did not injure them as much as might be expected. Fruit growers, as a rule, consider that when the crop is not injured before this date the prospects for a good fruit year are very encouraging.

Let us suggest that you can tell better about peach cobbler time than you can now.

Was Known Here.

Major William H. Williams was an officer in the forty-second Ohio Regiment, the one commanded by Gen. James A. Garfield. This regiment participated in the battle of Middle Creek, near Prestonburg and which was an important engagement during the Civil War, in Eastern Kentucky. Many of the older people will remember the regiment, and may possibly recall the name of Major Williams. He died at Oak Park, Ill., on the 17th of last September.

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Southern Methodist Church held a pleasant and profitable meeting at the residence of Mrs. Nash Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was large and the members manifested not only intense interest but a determination to engage more faithfully in this world-wide movement.

The following officers were elected for the years 1910-1911: President, Mrs. Henry Sullivan; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. L. Reid; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. McClure; Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Vinson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Bickel; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Justice; Agent for Advocate, Mrs. Arthur Hughes; Manager of Young People, Mrs. John Burns; Manager of Juveniles, Mrs. Frank Wallace, Jr., with Mrs. W. L. Reid, assistant. This has been the most successful year financially and otherwise in the history of the Society since its organization thirty years ago. The first records have been preserved during these years and the members very much enjoyed looking over them.

He Saw It Wednesday.

Unless he was blind any ground hog that was out on Wednesday "seen his shadow." But what has this to do with making the winter last forty days longer? There are twenty-six more days of a winter month, and it's a mighty poor March that can't supply the other fourteen days of cold weather.

The second day of February, 1909 was clear and mild, and the remaining days of the month and most of the days in March were quite pleasant. So much for the ground hog.

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Custer Spencer Died at This Place Monday Evening.

Custer Spencer, whose illness had been noted from time to time in this paper, died early on last Monday night. He had been sick for several weeks but was not confined to his bed more than twelve or fifteen days. He was rational to the end, which came peacefully and full of hope. He declared that he was prepared for the Great Change, and all who saw him die knew that his belief and declaration were well founded. He was received into the membership of the M. E. Church by its pastor, Dr. Hanford, and by him his funeral was preached in the church on the afternoon following his untimely death. The Rev. Mr. Sword, of the Christian Church, and the Rev. W. L. Reid, of the M. E. Church South, participated in the service. At the close of the service the body was interred in Pine Hill cemetery.

Custer Spencer died of tuberculosis, and he was 19 years old, and was the son of McClellan Spencer, of this county. Orphaned at a very early age the boy had a struggle for life, but he was intelligent, sober and industrious, and if the "great white plague" had not attacked him there is no doubt that he would have made a useful man.

He was an esteemed employee of the NEWS, and at the same time lately he entered the K. N. C., studying hard and working in this office when opportunity was afforded. As a mark of respect the machinery of the NEWS office was silent during the hours of the funeral, and the entire editorial and mechanical force attended the last service.

Those with whom Custer made his home were unremitting in their care for the young man, and they and other friends saw that he had everything that could cheer and comfort his last days on earth.

Saw Its Shadow, Too.

The Kentucky Legislature must have seen its shadow Wednesday, for it adjourned the whole thing until next Monday. Possibly some "coming events cast their shadows before," and the Solons took heed and went home to talk it over with their constituents. More than half the session gone and no bill passed yet. Perhaps 'tis better so.

Pirtle's School Bill.

Hon. John C. Pirtle, who was for many years a school teacher, and who is the Representative from Hardin county, has introduced a bill in the House which should not pass. The bill provides that two-thirds of the school money shall be paid to the teachers according to the number of children of school age in the district and the other third paid to them according to the number of children who attend the school. It also provides that no teacher shall share in the division of the one-third according to attendance who does not have thirty-five per cent. average attendance.

The enactment of such a measure into a law would eliminate nearly every teacher from the profession. That some of the schools are poorly attended is not the fault, except in isolated cases, of the teacher. It's the fault of the parents and the law. We lay it down as a general truth, subject to only a few exceptions, that the teacher who has passed the examination now prescribed by law is, so far as scholarship concerned, qualified to teach. If he properly performs the duties of his high vocation he should not be required to do more. The parent and the school trustee are the ones Mr. Pirtle should go after. The teacher who really teaches his school has enough to do. He earns his money when he does this and should not be required to perform the duties of a truant officer.

Mr. Pirtle's bill should not pass.

The Laymen's Missionary Meeting.

The meeting held in Huntington on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week was the largest religious meeting ever held in this section. It was composed of laymen from all evangelical denominations, and the speakers were men eminent in their respective churches. The subjects discussed embraced the most vital and interesting subjects connected with the laymen's movement. The big gathering was very enthusiastic, and the speeches made and the work of the convention was characterized by an earnestness and business like directness which augured well for the success of the movement.

The Rev. W. L. Reid, H. C. Sullivan, Henry Preston and F. H. Yates attended the meeting as representatives of the M. E. Church South. On Sunday night last the time was given to hearing some of those representatives tell of the meeting and its transactions. Messrs. Sullivan and Preston spoke interestingly of what they saw and heard at the grand gathering. When they had finished the pastor, Mr. Reid, said that they had told so much of what he had intended to speak that he did not have much to add. However, he spoke interestingly on points not mentioned by them, thus making a good report of the meeting which they had attended.

Hostess Was Once a Louisa Girl.

A woman whose beauty and elegant appearance attracted almost universal attention, was Mrs. Clarence Lebus, of Lexington, one of the handsomest women in Kentucky. Mrs. Lebus was regal in a Worth costume of heavy white lace over satin, with touches of black tulle, the long train hemmed with Russian sable. She wore beautiful jewels. Mrs. Lebus is the guest at the Burlington, on Vermont avenue, of Representative and Mrs. James A. Hughes, of Huntington, formerly of Louisa, Ky.—Washington correspondent Courier-Journal.

Revival Meeting Very Successful.

The revival meeting in the Christian Church recently conducted by Elder Combs was very successful. The services held in the Junior Order building were largely attended, and the interest continued unabated to the last. There were thirty-three additions to the church, and eighteen were baptized. The meeting closed on last Sunday night.

Hindman School Will be Rebuilt.

Word from Hindman, Knott county, says the W. C. T. U. Settlement school will be rebuilt. The building will be of mammoth hewn logs, modelled after the building recently destroyed, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Work will begin on the building immediately.

STUDENTS

Of K. N. C. Will Meet Friday Evening

At the Court House and Participate in Exercises Arranged for That Occasion.

Arrangements have been made for a gathering of K. N. C. students and others at the court house in Louisa on Friday evening of this week. Everybody invited to be present. The gathering will be in the nature of a rally for the school.

There will be addresses by several persons, some of them being visitors. Other features will be used to add to the interest of the occasion. The representatives of the various counties in the school will be seen and heard from.

The school makes up an intelligent and enthusiastic body.

A Prosperous Year.

The Kentucky Normal College and our people are rejoicing in the fact that a prosperous year for our splendid school is assured. The NEWS has already told of the auspicious opening of the K. N. C., and it is glad to say now that the brilliant prospects which were in evidence on that day are fully realized. Day by day the goodly number of the initial Monday has been added to. Seventeen matriculated on Monday, and still they come. All the "mountain" counties are represented. One hundred and seven have been enrolled from Floyd county alone.

The town is full of splendid young men and women seeking and acquiring an education. Full, did we say? Not so. There is a big and a goodly crowd, but there's room for all who may come. Young man, young woman, you gain nothing by going elsewhere for your mental equipment. On the contrary you lose in time, opportunity and money. The K. N. C. is the place for you, and now is the time to come to her embrace.

The Sick List.

Leonidas, the bright young son of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Bromley, is very sick with double pneumonia. He was taken sick on Saturday night last and has been ever since that time a very sick lad. On Thursday he was resting better after a bad night.

The continued serious illness of John Elswick gives his friends much concern. For some time he seemed to alternate between relapse and recovery, but for several days he has been a very sick man, showing no signs of improvement. There was no change in his condition Thursday.

The friends of Mrs. Ben Burks, of Madison street, will be sorry to learn of her serious illness. Her trouble is a lung affection.

Monroe Ferguson, who has had a bad attack of lagrippe, is able to creep along the streets.

H. G. Wellman, of the C. & O. passenger depot, was under the weather far enough to let Jeff Justice take a "trick" for a few days. He was on duty yesterday.

Willie Jones, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Crumpler, is reported quite ill.

Good Job for Fred Vaughan.

Fred A. Vaughan has been appointed Chief Special Agent of the Louisville census district. His headquarters will be at Louisville. Mr. Vaughan is from Johnson county, and was formerly the private secretary to Representative Langley, to whom he owes his appointment, which is lucrative and important. The new agent has Kentucky and Indiana jurisdiction.

Attorney H. C. Sullivan, of Louisa, was in town yesterday for a short time en route to Lexington to see Miss Josephine Harkins. The latter is a student at a Lexington school and was quite sick.

Bishop Foss Dead.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, retired, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the best-known clergymen in the country, died in Philadelphia last Saturday night from a stroke of paralysis which seized him while riding in a trolley car January 18.

After he was stricken Bishop Foss improved, but he took a turn for the worse early in the day. All the members of his family were at his bedside when the end came.

Cyrus David Foss was born in Kingston, N. Y., in 1834, and was graduated from Wesleyan University twenty years later. After serving in various pastorates the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in 1880, elected him a bishop.

The last time the Kentucky Conference of the M. E. Church was held in Louisa Bishop Foss presided. On Conference Sunday he preached a magnificent sermon in the court house and was attentively heard by an audience which literally packed the building.

Andy York.

The friends of A. E. York, one of the city's most prominent and highly respected gentlemen, will be sorry to learn that he is severely afflicted and has gone to Louisa where he entered the hospital of his kinsman, Dr. L. H. York, for treatment. The disease from which he is said to be suffering is feared to be Bright's disease, in a very advanced stage, and if so he, it is feared, will have great difficulty in overcoming it. His health has been very poor for some time, but it was not until lately that his condition was regarded as being anything like serious.—Cattlettsburg Tribune.

HELD UP IN CINCINNATI.

Two Lawrence County Citizens Narrowly Escape Robbery.

"Refusal of Charles W. Cooper and Levi Miles, farmers and horse dealers of Cherokee, Lawrence county, Ky., to submit quietly to highwaymen who held them up on Shillito Place, near Race street, Wednesday night, resulted in the arrest of Joe Graney, 18, 2 Eastbourne Terrace, and the escape of another man amid a fusillade of bullets," said the Cincinnati Times-Star.

"Cooper and Miles came to Cincinnati Wednesday to buy horses. They were about town during the evening and about midnight started to go to the Columbia hotel. On the way up Elm street they met two men, one of whom they say was Graney. The men invited the farmers to have a drink, but stated that, as it was after midnight, they would have to go into a saloon by the back way. They led the farmers down Shillito Place and knocked on a gateway. Miles and Cooper became suspicious and started to leave. Each had more than \$200 in his possession. 'We might as well get it now,' exclaimed one of the men, and both drew revolvers. Cooper and Miles leaped to one side, called for help and struck at the highwaymen.

"Patrolman Currin, who was a half block away, ran up and covered both men and made them halt. Currin grabbed Graney and the other man started to run. Currin, still clutching his prisoner, emptied his revolver at the fugitive. Night Chief Corbin, Detective Preston and Patrolman West ran up Race street. The fleeing man saw the coming and darted over Sixth street and into College street, where he lost his pursuers. He disappeared in a hail of bullets from the revolvers of the pursuing officers. Graney was locked up. He had a lot of old coins, a cold chisel, a diamond for cutting glass and a revolver. The man who fled dropped a pistol and a large bunch of keys. Graney claims that he is not guilty, though he was identified by the two farmers."

W. S. Harkins and daughter, Miss Woodie, passed through Louisa on Friday last, en route to Lexington to see Miss Josephine Harkins. The latter is a student at a Lexington school and was quite sick.

We Know Him Here.

Thirty-five years ago in the days of the old Powell Academy, there was a boy in Cattlettsburg named Tom Cooper. Cooper left this city about thirty years ago, and those who knew him here have not supposed him dead, as they have had no news of him. Today Judge McConnell, who was a school mate of young Cooper in the Powell academy, was surprised to receive a letter from him, written from Montgomery, Virginia, where he is pastor of a church of the M. E. Church South. The epistle called to the Judge's mind many recollections of his school days, when Thomas Cooper was one of his closest associates. Young Cooper was an orphan boy, being reared in the home of Robert Eastham of this city. He will be remembered by the older residents of the Gate City, especially those with whom he attended school, and who were his associates in boyhood.—Cattlettsburg Tribune.

It seems but yesterday that the Rev. Thomas Cooper was preaching here in the old M. E. Church South. Our old citizens remember him very well and pleasantly.

Swindling Scheme Reported.

The following is from the Cattlettsburg Tribune, but nothing is known here about it. Another paper says David Prince was arrested upon this charge and landed in jail here, but this is untrue:

By the arrest of a young man, whose name is withheld, and who is said to be the ringleader of a gang, at the village of Orr, Lawrence county, Friday night, by United States Marshals, a bold scheme to swindle merchants in various large cities has been unearthed.

The young man in question, with his associates, established a credit by procuring bland check books of Cincinnati, Huntington, Louisa and Greenup banks, upon which checks were given. Another feature of the scheme was the establishment of a bogus bank at Orr, of which the ringleader was alleged to be the self-styled president and secretary, and orders sent to wholesale and retail houses in Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and other cities were referred to the "Bank of Orr" for reference as to reliability of the persons sending the orders. As the orders were usually pronounced gilt edged, the goods were shipped and afterwards disposed of. It is estimated that fully \$1,000 worth of goods have been secured in this way, a quantity of which is now at E. K. Junction for delivery.

Mrs. Allen Wellman.

The following interesting facts concerning the wife of Allen Wellman, of near Fort Gay, are taken from the Wayne News:

She departed this life on the 9th day of January, 1910. She was a daughter of William Morris, born and raised on Twelve Pole about three miles below Wayne. Her mother was a sister of Rev. Burwell Spurlock. She was married to Allen Wellman at the age of 20, at the home of her father, and was the mother of ten children, six boys and four girls, all of whom are living, the youngest being 33 years old, and all married. All except two of her children were around her dying couch. She was buried in the family cemetery between Hurricane and Tabors Creek, near the home where she raised her family.

Kermit Election.

The first election under the new charter of Kermit was held on last Thursday. There were two tickets in the field, one called the Republican, with William R. Kirk for mayor and K. M. Salmon for recorder, the other called the Citizens, with C. C. Preece for mayor and John L. Evans for recorder. A warm fight was made, and we understand the liquor question is the issue, and if the Citizens' ticket won there is hardly likely to be a saloon at Kermit next year. Conditions have been so bad there that it is believed that a good majority of the voters of Kermit would stand for the Citizens' ticket. There is no politics in the election other than a desire to better local conditions.

T. R. Crumpler has gone to Twin Branch, W. Va., where he will have charge of the store business of one of the big mining companies.